

Consolidate Admin Space and Resolve Environmental Conditions, B212CD

Solicitation VA250-14-B-0215

Project 538-14-101

Questions and Answers

1. Will the contractor be permitted to use the elevator if it is protected?  
**Response:** The contractor will be allowed to use the elevator under certain limitations. The contractor is to protect the elevator, including limiting weight to rated limitations. The elevator is to be shared with occupants, and thus must be kept clean. Any damage caused by contractor use shall be repaired in a timely manner at no additional cost to the Government. VA reserves the right to withdraw access to this use if these limitations are not met.
2. Who is responsible for removal of exiting furnishings?  
**Response:** VA shall remove all existing furnishings. Any incidental trash or debris not removed by VA shall be removed by the contractor for appropriate off-site recycling or disposal.
3. There is an apparent conflict as to who is to paint the radiator covers. It is mentioned in mechanical drawings and the architectural drawings. Please advise.  
**Response:** The radiator covers are to be painted by the contractor as indicated in the contract documents. These documents make no distinction between the GC and various trade subcontractors.
4. We have a question regarding the sprinkler riser. On sheet FS 1.0 the first statement under general notes is somewhat confusing. We just want to clarify that the riser is existing and no new riser is to be added. Is this correct? Note 1 under fire suppression notes same page states the existing riser is to remain.  
**Response:** The plans do not indicate the addition of any new risers. The new fire suppression piping is to be connected to the existing riser.
5. At new stairway installations it appears that there is an existing cement plaster ceiling. There are no details as to closure of the cavity between the plaster ceiling and the structure. Unless otherwise advised we will assume that this is dealt with by others or can remain open.  
**Response:** At new stair locations (Porch areas), there is no plaster ceiling, nor is there any cavity between structural slab and ceiling. The exposed surface is the bottom of the concrete slab and the concrete beam. Refer to Details C5 & C7 / A6.2 .
6. No work is indicated with regard to existing stainless steel handrails. Unless otherwise advised we will assume that these remain and are dealt with by others.  
**Response:** A General Note "R" shall be added to Sheet A1.2 – Existing Corridors have handrails on both sides. All steel handrails on both sides of existing corridors need to be removed and walls need to be patched and repaired.
7. Question: Clarify minimum conduit.  
**RESPONSE:** The minimum conduit size shall be 3/4" (three-fourths inch). A revised Specification Section 26 05 33 is attached.
8. Question: Clarify set screw and compression fittings.  
**RESPONSE:** Acceptable fittings include set screw fittings or compression fittings with insulated throat connectors for EMT conduit. A revised Specification Section 26 05 33 is attached.

9. Question: Please advise about Single versus 3-Phase panels C and F.  
RESPONSE: Existing panels are single-phase. New panels shall be (and are required for this project) 3-phase type. Contractor to provide ANY/ALL conductors and connections necessary from Elec. Rm. 17 to new panels to support 3-phase installation. Further, please revise Panel Designations from Panel "N" to Panel "F" on Sheets ES 1.0 and ES 3.1. New Panels shall match tags for existing panels, being "C" and "F."
10. Question: Please advise field location of Panel "C" circuits 28-35, appear to be duplicates.  
RESPONSE: New Panel "C" shall be located at the South end of the main North-South corridor, see Sheet 212 ES 3.1. Referenced circuits are not duplicates. These distinct circuits exist to capture multiple refrigerators, microwaves, and larger office suites with unique power needs.
11. Question: Please advise field location of Panel "F" circuits 25,26,27,29,31, appear to be duplicates.  
RESPONSE: New Panel "F" shall be located at the North end of the main North-South corridor, see Sheet 212 ES 3.1. Referenced circuits are not duplicates. These distinct circuits exist to capture multiple refrigerators, microwaves, and larger office suites with unique power needs.
12. Question: Which section is responsible for VFD's for 212-SF1 & SF-2?  
RESPONSE: Please see section 23 05 11, Item 2.7 and Section 26 29 11. The bulk of the specification information is in Section 26 29 11.
13. Question: Please clarify feeds for EF-1.  
RESPONSE: Connect the North end EF-1 to a spare circuit in New Panel "F." Connect the South end EF-1 to a spare circuit in New Panel "C."
14. Question: Please clarify desired "cable management system" for data / telephone wiring.  
Response: Refer to Specification Section 27 15 00 "COMMUNICATIONS HORIZONTAL CABLING." Data and Telephone wiring above suspended ceilings is not required to be installed in conduit, but must be neatly bundled and suspended from the overhead structure. Cable trays and other wire management systems are to be installed as necessary to maintain a neat and orderly installation. Wiring shall not be found laying on ceiling panels or light fixtures. Data and telephone wiring shall be in conduit where located within walls for drops to individual or multi-gang outlet boxes. Through-wall penetrations shall be sleeved, with the ends of conduits and sleeves capped to protect wiring. Data and telephone wiring installed below the ceiling on the face of existing masonry or structural clay tile walls is to be protected with Wire Mold.
15. Question: Please clarify emergency light fixtures described in the Electrical Symbols Legend on plan sheet 212-ES1.0.  
RESPONSE: Contractor shall eliminate Emergency Ballasts for fixtures which are connected to an Emergency Power circuit fed from a backup generator.
16. Note 8 calls for sidewalk to be removed but nothing is shown going back in.  
Response: The Note 8 referenced is on Sheet A1.1. This is a demolition note associated with the demolition partial-plan on this sheet. Separate from the demolition plans are also new work partial-plans on this same sheet. These plans, and the associated new work notes, define what is to be put back where the concrete is removed.
17. Can we get the height from finish floor to bottom of deck above.  
The height from finished floor to the bottom of the deck is 11'-0".